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On 10/14/75, an officer of the Army Intelligence Service (SIE) advised that on 10/13/75, information was secured by an SIE Intelligence Battalion from reliable sources within the Argentine Army, that five Argentine Army active duty Generals, including Generals MUJICA, GALTIERI, and DIAZ BESSONE, along with two other unidentified Generals, were planning a coup d'etat to take place after 10/15/75, which would be backed by the Argentine Navy and Air Force. According to the SIE Intelligence Battalion sources, the aforementioned Army Generals have the backing of Army Troop Commanders at the Colonel level and they plan to initiate a coup d'etat "a la Chilena." (S) (U)

The SIE Intelligence Battalion receiving the above information did not give this information any additional dissemination within SIE channels, but urgently instructed its Agents and informants to attempt to secure confirmation or clarification of the above information. (S) (U)

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government. (S) (U)

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ON OCTOBER 14, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) ADVISED THAT ON OCTOBER 13, 1975, INFORMATION WAS SECURED BY AAIS INTELLIGENCE BATTALION FROM RELIABLE SOURCES WITHIN THE ARGENTINE ARMY THAT FIVE ARGENTINE ARMY GENERALS ON ACTIVE DUTY, INCLUDING GENERALS MUGICA, GALTIERI AND DIAZ BESSONE, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED GENERALS, WERE PLANNING A COUP D'ETAT TO TAKE PLACE AFTER OCTOBER 15, 1975, WHICH WOULD BE BACKED BY THE ARGENTINE NAVY AND ARGENTINE AIR FORCE. ACCORDING TO THE AAIS INTELLIGENCE BATTALION SOURCES, THE AFOREMENTIONED ARGENTINE ARMY GENERALS HAVE THE BACKING OF TROOP COMMANDERS AT THE COLONEL LEVEL AND THEY PLAN TO CARRY OUT A COUP D'ETAT "A LA CHILENA" (CHILEAN STYLE) IN ORDER TO TERMINATE THE UNSTABLE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL (S) (U)

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THE AAIS INTELLIGENCE BATTALION RECEIVING THE ABOVE INFORMATION DID NOT AFFORD THE FOREGOING INFORMATION ANY ADDITIONAL DISSEMINATION WITHIN AAIS CHANNELS, BUT URGENTLY INSTRUCTED ITS AGENTS AND INFORMANTS TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OR CLARIFICATION OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS DR. ARTURO POIRE, ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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